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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR);

Data Scoping Webinar for South Atlantic *Red Grouper*

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 53 Assessment Scoping and Assessment Webinars.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 53 assessment of the South Atlantic stock of *red grouper* will consist of a series Webinars.

DATES: The SEDAR 53 Assessment Scoping Webinar will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Assessment Webinars will begin at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, recess at 4 p.m. or when business is complete; and reconvene at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, and adjourn by 4 p.m. or when business is complete. To view the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting Address: The Webinars are open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julia Byrd at SEDAR (see **Contact Information below**) to request an invitation providing Webinar access information. Please request Webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each Webinar.

SEDAR address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405. www.sedarweb.org.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. The product of the SEDAR Webinar series will be a report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses, and describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Data Scoping Webinar are as follows:

1. Participants will review data and discuss data issues, as necessary, and initial model issues.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least ten business days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 12, 2016.

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